Teaching Modality Definition (UMass Dartmouth, Fall 2020)

- **Online/Remote learning**: the entire course is conducted using teleconferencing software and other technologies. Classes may be conducted **synchronously** (where instructor and students meet virtually at set times) or **asynchronously** (course is designed to be delivered virtually and instructor and students interact through online tools when needed or scheduled meetings).
- **Face-to-face**: students and faculty meet in person for all scheduled classes in the classroom/lab/studio.
- **Blended**: part of the coursework is completed synchronously (or asynchronously) remotely, and another part is completed in a face-to-face setting. Communicate percentage of instruction that will be online. Describe how students will know when they should plan to participate remotely and expectations for remote participation.

Course Schedule
Beginning on November 30, 2020, all instructional activities, including final exams, will be offered remotely to minimize the risk of any potential outbreak caused by students and faculty returning from travel.

COVID-19 Classroom Requirements

1. **COVID-19 Attendance Policies**
   
   The instructor has discretion to determine how to take attendance of both in-person and remote students. For remote students, this may include at the instructor’s discretion relying on such methods as keeping your camera on during a Zoom session, responding orally or in a chat window to a call of the roll, using an app that requires entry of a code near the start of a class, or any other method that the instructor deems reasonable.

   Students are expected to attend in person for all of their classes that have an in-person component unless remote participation is arranged in advance with the instructor. If a student answers “yes” to any of the questions on the [COVID-19 Student Daily Checklist](#), the student must notify the instructor immediately and may not attend class in-person again until they receive clearance from University Health Services or from the student’s own physician. If the student is healthy enough to participate in class remotely, the student may let the instructor know that they need to attend class remotely. The student does not need to submit medical documentation to the instructor in connection with this request. If the instructor receives the request within a reasonable time before the class begins, the instructor will communicate how to participate remotely.

   In the event that an illness requires a student to miss more than the equivalent of two weeks of classes (i.e., four classes for a class meeting twice a week for 75 minutes), it is important for the student to communicate the circumstances surrounding their absences to the instructor immediately to be given instructions on how to make up missed material.
2. **Face Covering Requirement.**
   All students must comply with the [MA face covering requirement](#). Students must wear face covering at all times during class.

   The only exception to the face covering requirement is for students who have secured an exception as an accommodation through the University’s [Center for Access and Success](#). This must be communicated to the instructor in a timely manner.

   Eating and drinking are not permitted in any classroom at any time.